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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**LAWRENCE COUNTY MAN SENTENCED ON
FEDERAL MARIJUANA CHARGE**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that ERNEST HILDERBRAND, 57, Bedford, Indiana, was sentenced to 30 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Sarah E. Barker following his guilty plea to marijuana distribution. This case was the result of a joint investigation by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the Indiana State Police.

HILDERBRAND was arrested in August of 2002, after law enforcement agents executed a search warrant at his residence located on RR 11 in Bedford, Indiana where a large

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scale indoor marijuana grow was found. Among the items seized from HILDERBRAND'S residence were 962 marijuana plants, plastic baggies, a digital scale, grow lights, light ballasts, light tracks, fans, electrical cords, timers, and a large generator.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Barry D. Glickman, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Barker imposed three years supervised release following HILDERBRAND's imprisonment.

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